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November 30, 2005

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: NBC Telemundo License Co.
TELEVISION STATION SECTION 339(a)(2)(D)(vii) WAIVER REQUEST
MB Docket No. 05-317
WJAR-DT, Providence, RI; Facility ID No. 50780**

Dear Madam Secretary:

NBC Telemundo License Co. ("NBC"), the permittee of WJAR-DT, Providence, Rhode Island (the "Station"), hereby requests a waiver that will delay the date on which satellite subscribers can commence digital television signal tests under Section 339(a)(2)(D) of the Communications Act.¹

Under the Communications Act, as amended, reduced digital coverage because a side-mounted antenna was required justifies the requested waiver. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 339(a)(2)(D)(viii)(IV). The Station, which is located in one of the nation's top-100 markets and expects to operate on its existing digital channel post-transition, has been required to side-mount its digital antenna, as the relevant antenna location is occupied by the Station's analog antenna, and NBC is not able to exchange the location of the two antennas without adversely affecting WJAR-TV's analog coverage. *See* Letter from to NBC Telemundo License Co. to FCC Secretary Marlene Dortch, Request for Waiver of Interference Protection Deadline (dated July 1, 2005) and FCC File No. BMDSTA-20050630AGY.

NBC has explored other means to maximize the facility's digital coverage area that would not require disruption to the Station's analog service, but none has proven feasible at this time. The Station's current digital antenna is being shared by WLNE-DT, New Bedford,

¹ *See* Public Notice, TV Station Requests for Waiver of Digital Testing Pursuant to the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 to be Filed by November 30, 2005, or February 15, 2007, DA 05-2979 (released November 17, 2005).

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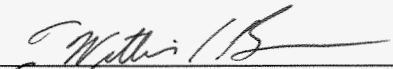
Massachusetts, so any change (including using a nondirectional pattern or a change in height in that shared antenna) would adversely affect the digital service of WLNE-DT, which is not authorized to use an omnidirectional antenna. Other re-design efforts have not been workable because of the aged state of the tower, as the resulting load on the tower appears to be more than the tower can safely withstand.

Upon termination of analog service, NBC will be able to remove the analog antenna and complete permitted construction. Accordingly, NBC hereby requests a waiver under Section 339(a)(2)(D) of the Communications Act.

Please communicate with the undersigned with respect to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

NBC TELEMUNDO LICENSE CO.

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Station's Public Inspection File